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REMARKS

The description has been amended to omit "prior art" from the brief description of FIG. 1.

Claims 1, 7, 12-14, 18-20, 23, 24, 26-31, 33 and 34 have been amended in substantial conformity with the Examiner's email of May 17, 2004, and the telephone interview where Examiner Choi indicated these amendments distinguished the invention over the prior art and placed the application in a condition for allowance, and notice thereof is respectfully requested. The courtesy of Examiner Choi in making helpful suggestions is acknowledged with appreciation.

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